

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of domestic and foreign tourists visited various tourist centres during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is gradual increase or decrease in the movement of tourists during the said period;
- (c) if so, the amount spent by the State/Union Government for various tourism projects during this period; and
- (d) the total profit earned from tourism sector for the States/Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

- (a): Number of visits by domestic and foreign tourists to various States in the country during 2002, 2003 & 2004 have been 275.2 million, 315.7 million and 374.3 million respectively.
- (b): The data for 2002, 2003 and 2004 shows that there has been a continuous increase in the tourist visits to the States.
- (c): The plan budget of the Ministry of Tourism for the 3 years 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06 has been Rs. 357 crore, Rs. 500 crore and Rs. 786 crore respectively. Similarly, the annual plan allocation of outlays for tourism sector during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 for States/UTs as received from Planning Commission has been Rs. 502.37 crore, Rs. 552.52 crore and Rs. 648.14 crore respectively.
- (d): The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 are estimated at US\$ 2923 Million, 3533 Million and 4810 Million respectively. State- wise data of foreign exchange earned is not maintained.